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POLAND: Possible Divisions in the Leadership

The anomalies surrounding Lech Walesa's release suggest that Premier Jaruzelski may have encountered opposition to letting him go.

A senior Foreign Ministry official, explaining why Walesa remained hidden from view for 24 hours after his release and why a taped television interview was not broadcast, said privately that the release did not work out as planned. [REDACTED] some Solidarity members fear that Walesa may have agreed to collaborate. [REDACTED]

The former union chief told Western correspondents yesterday that he needs time to consult with friends and that he will have to confront his ideas with "reality." He also said that he would work "with courage and prudence" for the release of the remaining internees and for pluralism in the union movement. [REDACTED]

Premier Jaruzelski, meanwhile, has told [REDACTED] that he will keep to his timetable for lifting martial law by the end of the year. [REDACTED]

Comment: Jaruzelski's critics may have believed that Walesa was not sufficiently repentant and forced additional talks with him about his future activities. They also may have used the time to bargain with the Premier about government policies. [REDACTED]

Jaruzelski and other moderates in the regime have consistently opposed returning to conditions as they were before the emergence of Solidarity. As a result, some hardliners may fear that the Premier is serious in his promises for economic and bureaucratic reforms. Some also may believe he is moving to dismantle martial law too quickly. [REDACTED]

Walesa seems to expect to play a role in Poland's future and does not appear to be contemplating leaving the country. He risks losing credibility with workers if he appears too conciliatory or seems to be acting without first consulting Solidarity supporters. [REDACTED]

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